



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 1.7

MEETING DATE: 04/22/2025

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Gracie Rodriguez

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Henie Ring

SUBJECT:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - H.RING, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Approve amendment #1 to the client services agreement with William L. Adams, Attorney at Law PC, for legal services related to county fire services, increasing the contract amount by \$100,000.00, for a new total not to exceed \$150,000.00 dependent upon hours billed; and authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Since 2013, the City of Hollister has provided fire protection services to the County of San Benito under a formal agreement. The current contract is set to run from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2025. Key developments are as follows:

- On June 20, 2024, the city of Hollister issued a written letter advising of a 270 termination clause.
- On January 7, 2025 the City of Hollister Council created an ad-hoc committee and on January 14, 2025, the County Board of Supervisor's created an ad-hoc committee that collaborated together on finding solutions to the current fire protection services contract.
- On February 3, 2025, the city issued a letter eliminating the 270-day termination clause.
- On Tuesday, March 18, 2025, County Administration presented the details of the amendments of the existing contract for fire protection services based on the recommendations of the City's and the County's ad hoc.
- On March 21, 2025, the City of Hollister held a special meeting to report the County's request of the draft amendment #1, including the removing of the redline section regarding the

implementation of a "Brown Out" of Station 3. The City of Hollister rejected the County's requested draft amendment and further proposed a new option for fire services.

- On March 24, 2025, the City of Hollister held a special meeting to adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to provide notices to termination regarding fire protection services agreements with the County of San Benito and the City of San Juan Bautista.

To support negotiations, the County retained William L. Adams, Attorney at Law, PC, as Special Counsel for fire services strategy and negotiations. The original contract began on September 11, 2024. The County is now seeking Board approval to amend the contract, increasing the budget by \$100,000 for a new total not to exceed \$150,000, to continue receiving legal services.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

One previous contract in the amount of \$50,000. No RFP information is available as these are professional services being provided for an urgent matter concerning provision of County fire services.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

\$50,000

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

N/A

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

260-15-3040-1000-619-222

CURRENT FY COST:

\$35,079.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Amendment #1 William L Adams Attorney At Law, PC Agreement](#)
[Client Services Agreement- William L Adams, Attorney at Law, PC](#)